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BEFORE THE

# Federal Communications Commission

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In re

Amendment of 73.202(b),  
Table of Allotments,  
FM Broadcast Stations  
(**Hamilton, Texas**)

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MM Docket No. 97-124-  
RM-9146

FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION  
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

97-174

To: The Chief, Allocations Branch,  
Mass Media Bureau

## COMMENTS AND COUNTERPROPOSAL

Maxagrid Broadcasting Corporation ("Maxagrid"), the licensee of station KBAE(FM), Channel 285C3, Marble Falls, Texas, hereby advances its Comments on and Counterproposal to the Petition for Rule Making and the Notice of Proposed Rule Making, DA 97-1659 (released August 8, 1997) (NPRM), in this proceeding.

### I. BACKGROUND

1. An entity calling itself North Texas Broadcasting seeks the allotment of Channel 285C3 to the community of Hamilton, Texas, ostensibly as a first local service.<sup>1</sup> The NPRM proposes the allotment of Channel 285C3 to Hamilton as "...its first local FM service." The

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<sup>1</sup> North Texas Broadcasting's Petition for Rule Making, at para. 1, claims that "Hamilton has no broadcast station...." The sworn engineering statement accompanying the Petition avers that "[t]he proposed allotment will provide [Hamilton] with its first aural service."

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petition advances a site-restricted proposal. The sworn engineering statement of F.W. Hannel, P.E., which asserts qualification in this area and which supports the petition, claims that “the reference site is 13.1 km north of the city....”

## **II. DEFECTS IN THE PETITION**

2. Contrary to both the petition’s claim and Mr. Hannel’s sworn statement, Channel 285C3 *would not* provide either a first local or a first aural service to Hamilton. That community already has a local broadcast outlet, 900-kHz station KCLW(AM). See Attachment A. Mr. Hannel also falsely claims that his proposed restricted site is 13.1 km north of Hamilton. The restricted site the petitioner proposes is *south* of the town. See *NPRM* at para. 2.<sup>2</sup>

3. Furthermore, there is no legitimate reason for the site restriction the petitioner has proposed, other than an evident desire to hem in Maxagrid’s Channel 285C3 allotment at Marble Falls. Marble Falls is essentially due South of Hamilton. Therefore, if one really wanted to protect Marble Falls, he would place a site restriction at Hamilton to the North, not to the South. *But that is not what Mr. Hannel has done. Rather, he has done the exact opposite.* Per Mr. Hannel’s own Exhibit 1, he has moved the proposed Hamilton allotment as close to the KBAE/Marble Falls reference point as he possibly could without tripping over the line. (His

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<sup>2</sup> There is a slight difference between the coordinates Mr. Hannel suggested (North Latitude 31° 49’ 11”; West Longitude 98° 05’ 18”) and those the *NPRM* employs ((North Latitude 31° 49’ 25”; West Longitude 98° 06’ 49”), but that difference does not even begin to account for the 26.5-km spread between Mr. Hannel’s description of the proposed restricted site and the description provided by the *NPRM*.

Exhibit 1 shows a short spacing of 0.3 km, which rounds down to zero).

4. The other spacing constraints Mr. Hannel's Exhibit 1 displays are absolutely no justification for a site restriction to the South. The cochannel Mexia allotment is almost due East (94.8° True) and enjoys 6.8 km of clearance; first-adjacent KEAN(FM) at Abilene is West-Northwest (289.6° True and 293.8° True) enjoys a minimum of 7.0 km of clearance (and a maximum of 29.5 km. A Southerly site restriction offers no protection to an Easterly allotment, and almost no protection to a West-Northwesterly one. So those constraints do not justify *any* site restriction in the direction of Marble Falls. Moreover, they affront the Commission's established policy of not imposing any site restriction on a new allotment unless it is necessary to protect another station or stations. See, e.g., Chico, California, 6 FCC Rcd 4294 (1991). It is obvious that rather than trying to protect Marble Falls, the Hamilton proposal tries to hem it in.

5. Mr. Hannel's motives — if not also those of the generically named petitioner — are highly suspect. Mr. Hannel has crafted a series of defective Counterproposals seeking to derail KBAE's relicensing to Marble Falls. See Roy E. Henderson's filings in MM Docket 95-49, the Report and Order in that proceeding (62 Fed. Reg. 31008 (June 6, 1997)), and Mr. Henderson's Joint Petition for Reconsideration and his Emergency Motion for Stay. The petition thus carries the strong odor of a cynical abuse of the Commission's processes. The Agency should compel the petitioner to identify who it really is, and should make the petitioner and its consulting engineer explain why their filing proffers false statements and a site restriction that is both totally unnecessary and contrary to established precedent. The FCC would fail in its duty to safeguard its processes from abuse were it not to conduct a detailed enquiry here.

### **III. MAXAGRID'S COUNTERPROPOSAL**

6. Maxagrid hereby tenders a two-fold Counterproposal....

7. First, Maxagrid proposes the allotment of Channel 285A as a *true* first local service to the community of Meridian, Texas, with a site restriction of 7.6 km to the Northwest. This allotment is technically viable in terms of both spacing and city-grade constraints. See Part I of Exhibit B to this filing, the Engineering Statement of Stephan M. Kramer, P.E., Maxagrid's consulting engineer. Moreover, Meridian is a worthy community. According to the RAND McNALLY 1997 COMMERCIAL ATLAS AND MARKETING GUIDE (128TH ED.), Meridian is incorporated and has a Census population of 1390 people. It has its own Post Office and Zip Code (76665). Meridian is also a banking town and is the county seat of Bosque County. As Exhibit C demonstrates, Meridian also has nine churches, a community swimming pool, park, a golf course, two nursing homes, and three health-care practitioners. The Santa Fe line provides rail service. There is a local Chamber of Commerce, a six-person City Council, a local police force, and a volunteer fire department with seven pieces of fire-fighting equipment. *Unlike Hamilton, Meridian has no local radio station.*

8. Second, Maxagrid proposes the upgrade of its Marble Falls station KBAE from Channel 285C3 to Channel 285C2. This allotment is also technically viable in terms of both city-grade and spacing constraints, and will result in KBAE's more efficient use of the spectrum.

9. Schematically, Maxagrid proposes:

<u>Community</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposal</u>
Marble Falls	285C3	285C2
Meridian	---	285A

#### IV. LEGAL ANALYSIS

10. In weighing the competing proposals in this proceeding, the staff must honor the mandate of Congress, set forth in § 307(b) of the Communications Act:

In considering applications for licenses, and modifications and renewals thereof, when and insofar as there is a demand for the same, the Commission shall make such distribution of licenses, frequencies, hours of operation, and of power among the several States and communities as to provide a fair, efficient, and equitable distribution of radio service to each of the same.

47 U.S.C. § 307(b). In furtherance of that duty, the FCC, via Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures, set the following priorities:

- first aural service;
- second aural service;
- first local service; and
- other public-interest matters.<sup>3</sup>

11. Under the controlling legal standard, Maxagrid's proposal must prevail here.

Meridian prima facie satisfies FCC standards for a licensable community. Pierce, Texas et al., 8 FCC Rcd 3528 (M.M. Bur. 1993); Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Procedures, 90 FCC

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<sup>3</sup> Second aural service and first local service rank coequally. Other public-interest matters include second local service, more efficient use of the spectrum, etc.

2d 88, 101 (1982). And Meridian's unserved status is decisionally significant. Maxagrid's proposed first local service to Meridian clearly outranks the generically named petitioner's proposed second local service to Hamilton. As an added public-interest benefit, Maxagrid's station KBAE will upgrade and enhance the efficient use of the spectrum. Endicott, New York, 51 F.C.C. 2d 50 (1976).

#### **IV. Other Matters**

12. Maxagrid desires to fill the present unmet need for local service at Meridian and to further upgrade station KBAE. Maxagrid thus intends, upon the grant of its Counterproposal, to promptly apply for construction permits specifying Channel 285A at Meridian and Channel 285C2 at Marble Falls. Maxagrid intends to then promptly implement the resulting construction permits, to operate, and to seek licenses for the new Meridian and improved KBAE facility.

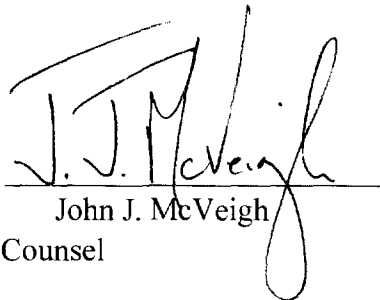
**V. CONCLUSION**

For the reasons stated, the staff should grant Maxagrid's Counterproposal and terminate this proceeding, while opening a separate enquiry into the facts and circumstances surrounding the filing of the Petition for Rule Making by North Texas Broadcasting.

Respectfully submitted,

**MAXAGRID BROADCASTING CORPORATION**

By

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J.J. McVeigh", written over a horizontal line.

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## **EXHIBIT A**





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## **EXHIBIT B**

**EXHIBIT B, PART 1**

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ENGINEERING STATEMENT

This Engineering Statement was prepared on behalf of Maxagrid Broadcasting Corp. ("Maxagrid") in support of a new Rulemaking Petition to amend the FM Table of Allotments. Specifically, Maxagrid seeks to have Channel 285A assigned to the community of Meridian, Texas as follows:

<u>City, State</u>	<u>Channel</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Meridian, Texas	-	285A*

\*Site restriction 7.6 kilometers northwest required.

With a grant of the Petition which this statement supports, Maxagrid would have the Commission serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity by amending Section 73.202(b), thus providing the community of Meridian with its first local service. Granting this proposal will result in a more efficient use of FM spectrum and permit Petitioner to provide a first local service to Bosque County and surrounding areas. At present, there are no licensed or pending AM or FM broadcast facilities within Bosque County!

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I. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

The community of Meridian, Texas is an incorporated city within Bosque County, approximately 128 kilometers southwest from Dallas. The 1990 Census lists the Meridian population at 1,390 persons, and the total Bosque County population at 15,125 persons. The city has identifiable boundaries as required in the Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Priorities, 51 R.R. 2d 807, 816 (1982).

The city of Meridian is served by a Mayor and City Council. In addition, Meridian has a post office, police and fire department, numerous independent businesses, is located outside any urbanized area, and is the seat of Bosque County.

II. PETITIONER WILL APPLY FOR THE REQUESTED FACILITY

Maxagrid Broadcasting Corp. will file an application for Channel 285A at Meridian and promptly begin construction upon issuance of a construction permit if the instant petition is granted. See FM Channel Assignments, 53 R.R. 2d, 341, 344.

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III. ENGINEERING DATA

The requested coordinates for the proposed Channel 285A allocation at Meridian, Texas are:

N.L. 31-59-07

W.L. 97-41-22

This location is 7.6 kilometers northwest from the reference coordinates for Meridian (N.L. 31-55-23, W.L. 97-39-23.) This site restriction is necessary to provide minimum required spacing toward station KYCX-FM, Channel 285A, Mexia, Texas. It was determined this was the only FM channel available for assignment to Meridian. Table 1.0 presents the allocation study results from the above requested coordinates.

Wherefore, the premises considered, it is respectfully requested the Commission institute a rulemaking proceeding to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) by the addition of Channel 285A to Meridian, Texas.

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Table 1.0  
FM ALLOCATION ANALYSIS  
PROPOSED CHANNEL 285A ALLOCATION  
(SEPTEMBER, 1997)

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MAXAGRID BROADCASTING CORP.  
NEW 104.9 MHz MERIDIAN, TEXAS

FM Study for: NEW ALLOC	FCC Database Date: 8/97	31-59-07
Location: MERIDIAN, TX	Channel Class: A	97-41-22
Call City, State	Chan Class Freq kW Latitude Dist.	Required
Status Proponent	File Number HAAT Longitude Azm.	Clear (km)

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>>>>>> Study For Channel 285 104.9 mHz <<<<<<<

ALLOC HAMILTON, TX	285 C3 104.9	31-49-25	43.9	142	
ADD NORTH TEXAS BROADCAST	Docket-97-174	0	98-06-49	246.0	-98.1 SHORT
	Use of 73.215 for short spacing requires:	119			-75.1 SHORT
Site Restriction 13.4km South					
KYCXFM MEXIA, TX	285 A 104.9 2.10	31-42-25	114.63	115	
LIC GROVETON BROADCASTING	BLH-830907AN 107	96-31-23	105.3	-0.37	CLOSE
KYNG DALLAS, TX	287 C 105.3 100.	32-35-07	95.08	95	
LIC INFINITY BROADCASTING	BMLH-890907KF 476	96-58-06	45.4	+0.08	CLOSE
KKDAFM DALLAS, TX	283 C 104.5 98.	32-35-22	95.33	95	
LIC SERVICE BROADCASTING	BLH-821029AL 485	96-58-10	45.2	+0.33	CLOSE
KYNG DALLAS, TX	287 C 105.3 100.	32-35-05	95.42	95	
CP INFINITY BROADCASTING	BPH-970327IA 466	96-57-46	45.6	+0.42	CLOSE
KTCY PILOT POINT, TX	285 C2 104.9 2.35	33-33-36	187.5	166	73.215
CP NEW WORLD BROADCASTER	BPH-941115ID 548	96-57-35	21.2	+21.5	CLEAR
From channel 285A Denison, TX Per D93-269-Amended 950320					
KBAE MARBLE FALLS, TX	285 C3 104.9	30-26-45	177.4	142	
ADD MAXAGRID BROADCASTING	Docket-95-49	0	98-11-45	195.9	+35.4 CLEAR
Proposed to Mexico as Class B 950811-Accepted By Mexico 960401					
PRM-Site Restricted 16.1KM Southwest-Petition for Recon and Motion for Stay 970701					

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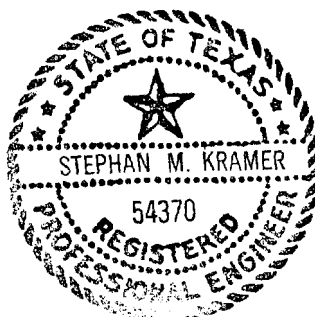
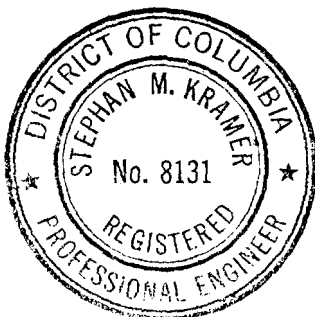
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This declaration is made under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States.



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**EXHIBIT B, PART II**

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ENGINEERING STATEMENT

This Engineering Statement was prepared on behalf of Maxagrid Broadcasting Corp. ("Maxagrid") in support of a Rulemaking Petition to amend the FM Table of Allotments and modify the license for Station KBAE (FM), 104.9 MHz, Marble Falls, Texas. Specifically, Maxagrid seeks to have Channel 285C2 assigned as follows:

<u>City, State</u>	<u>Channel</u>	
	<u>Present</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
Marble Fall, Texas	285C3	285C2 (*)

\*Site restriction 9.9 kilometers north-northwest required.

With a grant of the Petition which this statement supports, Maxagrid would have the Commission serve the public interest, convenience, and necessity by amending Section 73.202(b), thus providing the community of Marble Falls with an expanded first local service. Granting this proposal will result in a more efficient use of FM spectrum and permit Petitioner to provide an improved service to Marble Falls and surrounding areas.

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I. DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

The community of Marble Falls, Texas is an incorporated city within Burnet County, approximately 61 kilometers northwest from Austin. The 1990 Census lists the Marble Falls population at 4,007 persons, and the total Burnet County population at 22,677 persons. The city has identifiable boundaries as required in the Revision of FM Assignment Policies and Priorities, 51 R.R. 2d 807, 816 (1982).

The city of Marble Falls is served by a Mayor, City Council, Chamber of Commerce, post office, police and fire department, numerous independent businesses, and independent school system. In addition, Marble Falls is located outside any urbanized area.

II. PETITIONER WILL APPLY FOR THE REQUESTED FACILITY

Maxagrid Broadcasting Corp. will file an application for Channel 285C2 at Marble Falls and promptly begin construction upon issuance of a construction permit if the instant petition is granted. See FM Channel Assignments, 53 R.R. 2d, 341, 344.

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III. ENGINEERING DATA

The requested coordinates for the proposed Channel 285C2 allocation at Marble Falls, Texas are:

N.L. 30-36-33

W.L. 98-22-10

This location is 9.9 kilometers west-northwest from the reference coordinates for Marble Falls (N.L. 30-34-41, W.L. 98-16-21.) This site restriction is necessary to provide minimum required spacing toward station KBUK-FM, Channel 285A, LaGrange, Texas. It was determined this was the only Class C2 FM channel available for assignment to Marble Falls. Table 1.0 presents the allocation study results from the above requested coordinates.

This site is located within 320 kilometers of the U.S.-Mexico border, and therefore, coordination with the Government of Mexico will be necessary.

Wherefore, the premises considered, it is respectfully requested the Commission institute a rulemaking proceeding to amend the FM Table of Allotments, Section 73.202(b) by the substitution of Channel 285C2 at Marble Falls, Texas and an order modifying petitioner's license for station KBAE to specify operation on Channel 285C2.

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TABLE 1  
FM ALLOCATION ANALYSIS  
PROPOSED CHANNEL 285C2 UPGRADE  
(SEPTEMBER, 1997)

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MAXAGRID BROADCASTING CORP.

KBAE (FM) 104.9 MHZ MARBLE FALLS, TX

FM Study for: KBAE NEW C2	FCC Database Date: 8/97	30-36-33
Location: MARBLE FALLS, TX	Channel Class: C2	98-22-10
Call City, State	Chan Class Freq kW Latitude Dist.	Required
Status Proponent	File Number HAAT Longitude Azm.	Clear (km)

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>>>>>> Study For Channel 285 104.9 mHz <<<<<<<<

KBAE	MARBLE FALLS, TX	285 C3 104.9	30-26-45	24.6	177	
ADD	MAXAGRID BROADCASTING	Docket-95-49	0	98-11-45	137.3	-152.4 SHORT
		Use of 73.215 for short spacing requires:	166			-141.4 SHORT
Proposed to Mexico as Class B 950811-Accepted By Mexico 960401						
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KBAE	LLANO, TX	284 C3 104.7	11.0	30-41-12	21.1	117	73.215
LIC	MAXAGRID BROADCASTING	BLH-940217KA	140	98-34-15	294.0	-95.9	SHORT
		Use of 73.215 for short spacing requires:	106			-84.9	SHORT

KBAE	LLANO, TX	284 C3 104.7		30-41-12	21.1	117	
DEL	MAXAGRID BROADCASTING	Docket-95-49	0	98-34-15	294.0	-95.9	SHORT
		Use of 73.215 for short spacing requires:	106			-84.9	SHORT
Petition for Recon and Motion for Stay 970701							

ALLOC	HAMILTON, TX	285 C3 104.9		31-49-25	136.8	177	
ADD	NORTH TEXAS BROADCAST	Docket-97-174	0	98-06-49	10.2	-40.2	SHORT
		Use of 73.215 for short spacing requires:	166			-29.2	SHORT
Site Restriction 13.4km South							

KBUK	LA GRANGE, TX	285 A 104.9	4.3	29-52-57	165.61	166	
LIC	FAYETTE BROADCASTING	BMLH-970318KB	62	96-51-58	118.7	-0.39	CLOSE

KKIK	TEMPLE, TX	282 C2 104.3	34.+	30-59-12	82.2	58	73.215
LIC	STELLAR COMMUNICATION	BLH-910422KI	182	97-37-47	59.2	+24.2	CLEAR

KYUL	HARKER HEIGHTS, TX	288 A 105.5	1.70	31-05-52	80.0	55	
LIC	KCKR-FM, INC.	BLH-870622KB	116	97-45-12	47.3	+25.0	CLEAR

\*To channel 288C2 Per D89-525

KKIK	TEMPLE, TX	282 C2 104.3		30-57-30	87.2	58	
DEL	STELLAR COMMUNICATION	Docket-96-219	0	97-33-10	63.4	+29.2	CLEAR

ALLOC	LEXINGTON, TX	286 A 105.1		30-31-36	135.3	106	
ADD	LEE COUNTY BROADCAST	Docket-97-173	0	96-57-45	93.5	+29.3	CLEAR
Site Restriction 13.3km North							

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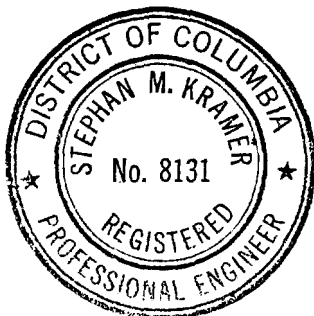
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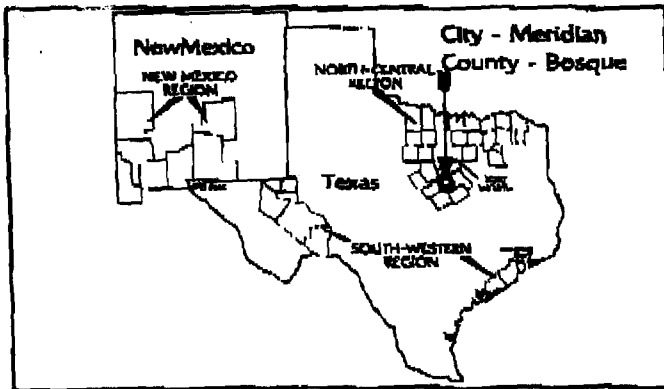
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## **EXHIBIT C**



★ Texas-New Mexico Power Company.

# Meridian, Texas 1996-97 Community Data

## Location (in miles)

Waco	54	Dallas	115
Fort Worth	90		

## Climate

Annual Avg. Temp.	66	Annual Rainfall	32
January Avg. Temp.	45	Annual Snowfall	0
August Avg. Temp.	85		

## Population

	1970	1980	1990
City:	2,578	3,063	1,390
County:	10,966	13,401	15,125

Estimated Present Population City:	1,395
Estimated Present Population County:	15,125

## Education

Public School Budget:	\$2,763,526
Bonded Indebtedness:	\$2,300,000
Number of Elementary Schools:	1
Number of Junior High Schools:	1
Number of High Schools:	1
Average SAT Score:	841
Number of Public School Teachers:	38
Enrollment in Public School System:	479

Vocational Technical Education: Agriculture  
Colleges within commuting distance: Baylor University,  
Tartleton State University, MCC, Hill Community College,  
TSTC

## Community Facilities

Number of Churches	9
Number of Motels	1
Number of Bed & Breakfast:	2
Total Number of Rooms:	23

## Recreation Facilities

Swimming Pools:	1	Golf Courses:	1
Nearby Lakes:	2	Parks:	1

## Medical

Nursing Homes:	2	Beds:	110
Doctors:	1	Dentists:	2

## Communications

Newspaper: Bosque County News  
Published: Weekly  
Cable Channels: Yes

## Highways (serving area)

State Highway 6 State Highway 22

## Railroads

Santa Fe

## Motor Freight Carriers

Central Freight, United Parcel Service, Federal Express

## Air

Nearest Commercial Air Service: Waco  
Runway Length of Nearest Local Airport: 2,000 feet

Compliments of Texas-New Mexico Power Company

## Agriculture (major products grown)

Beef Cattle Wheat

## Taxation (1995)

Taxing Unit: (current value)

Data Base 6/1/97



Grain Sorghum Corn  
Turkey Oats  
Emus Wildlife

Other Food Products in Area: Walnuts, Tomatoes, Pecans  
Estimated Number of Livestock Raised: 595,000  
Total Number of Irrigated Acres in Area: 3,000

### Available Industrial Properties

Design Foods Duncan Manufacturing

### Major Employers (name and product)

Meridian ISD Education  
Bosque County

### Labor Analysis

Date of Report: 1995  
Work Force: 5,709  
Labor Employed: 5,324  
Radius of Labor Drawing Area: County  
Unemployment Rate: 6.7%  
Wage and Labor Information: Texas Employment Commission

### Chamber of Commerce

817-435-2966

### Banks

Bosque County Bank

### City/County Government

Number on City Council: 6  
Police Dept. Personnel (full time): 2  
Other Law Enforcement in Area: County  
Fire Dept. Personnel (volunteer): 1  
Pieces of Equipment: 7  
Fire Insurance Rating: .19  
Planning Commission: Yes  
City Financing: 1995  
Total Operating Budget: \$635,891  
Payment on Bonds & Capital Expenses: \$105,271

MERIDIAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE  
P.O. BOX 758  
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State: 0  
County: .3450  
City: .50  
School: 1.187  
Total Effective Rate (current value) Rate per \$100  
Other Taxes:  
State Corporate Income: 0  
State Individual Income: 0  
State Retail Sales: 6.25%  
City Retail Sales: .90%

### Electricity

Power Supplied by: Texas-New Mexico Power Company

### Sewers

Treatment Plant Type: Aeration Basin  
Maximum Daily Capacity (mgpd): 414,000  
Maximum Daily Load (mgpd): 1,028  
Solid Waste Disposal: Yes

### Telephone

Company Name: Southwestern Bell  
System: Rotary, Touch Tone  
Fiber Optics Available

### Water

Source: Wells  
Maximum Daily Capacity (mgpd): .85  
Storage Capacity (mgpd): .65  
Size Mains (inches): 8-12  
System Looped: Yes

### Natural Gas

Gas Supplier: Lone Star Gas Company

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